

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~The filter element according to claim 1~~ A filter element comprising filter media, and a support frame supporting said filter media, said support frame having a seal integrally formed therewith, wherein in combination:

said support frame is an injection molded plastic member; and

said seal is an injection molded thermoplastic member,

neither said support frame nor said seal being potted.

Claim 9-47 (cancelled)

Claim 48 (currently amended): ~~The filter element according to claim 47~~ A filter element comprising filter media, and a support frame supporting said filter media, said support frame having a seal integrally formed therewith, wherein said support frame comprises a sidewall extending longitudinally, and wherein said sidewall has a first longitudinally facing surface, a second laterally facing surface, and a third longitudinally facing surface, said first and third surfaces being distally longitudinally spaced by said second surface therebetween, and wherein said seal extends along all three of said first, second and third surfaces, wherein said seal extends along the entire longitudinal dimension of said sidewall and has a first portion extending longitudinally from said first surface of said sidewall, a second portion extending laterally from said second surface of said sidewall to a nonrectilinear outer surface profile, and a third portion extending longitudinally from said third surface of said sidewall.

Claim 49 (new): The filter element according to claim 8 where said support frame and said seal are of different materials.

Claim 50 (new): The filter element according to claim 49 wherein the material of said seal is softer than the material of said support frame.

Claim 51 (new): The filter element according to claim 48 wherein said second portion extends along a first tapered ramp from a minimum lateral thickness at said first surface to a maximum lateral thickness intermediate said first and third surfaces, and extends along a second tapered ramp from a minimum lateral thickness at said third surface to said maximum lateral thickness intermediate said first and third surfaces.

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